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I've talked a couple of time with this Rick Schreiber who is the last remaining director of Chief Consolidated Mining Co. They have 2 exploration permits (Trixie West and Homansville) and 2 large mine permits (Apex/Burgin and Trixie Shaft) with us but have failed to pay the permit fees. He said that there is no money or anyone still employed by the mines so we would not be getting the permit fees. I asked if the companies were in bankruptcy and he said no, but the EPA has been working with them to complete a superfund cleanup of the Eureka area. He claims that if they were in bankruptcy, the EPA would go after any funds that are there under superfund. They are hoping to exchange land and rock for release from the superfund cleanup. After that they may be able to sell some assets or get the mine up and going again. He emailed a copy of the EPA consent decree (attached) that has yet to be signed. Anyway, I told him that we require permit fees until the site is reclaimed and released and that our next step would probably be to issue notices of violation and fines. He didn't seem too bothered by that.

CC: Joelle Burns; Steve Alder